



MULTI-OBSERVATION AND RECORDING SYSTEM FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES

Abstract of the Disclosure

A system which includes a housing having a video camera removably mounted to the dashboard of a motor vehicle is disclosed. The camera records the road in front of the vehicle. The camera also includes three lenses where each lens is focused on a different view. That is, the first lens is focused on the driver, the second lens is focused on the odometer, and the third lens is focused on the speedometer. The system is wired into the vehicle so that when the vehicle is turned on the camera is activated. A recording unit is located in the trunk of the vehicle in a fireproof housing. The recording unit includes a cassette tape, disc, or chip. A key-lock prevents the unauthorized removal of the tape. As video images are received from the camera, the date and time are superimposed on the recorded image by a time and date generator that is always running regardless of the operation of the vehicle. A button on the housing allows the driver to retrieve the last ten minutes of the tape. The present invention also includes an output jack which allows authorized personnel, such as a police officer, to retrieve the last fifteen minutes of the tape via a separate mini recorder held by the police officer.